No power generation project of Bihar is awaiting investment approval of the Planning Commission.

(c) to (e) Approved outlays & actual expenditure in the power section in Bihar during last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Outlay | |
|---|---|---|
| | Approved | Actual |
| 1992-93 | 358.17 | 194.41 |
| 1993-94 | 388.76 | 85.66 |
| 1994-95 | 398.26 | 85.68 (Anticipated) |

**CMDS of Nationalised Banks**

967. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Chairmen and Managing Directors of Nationalised Banks are continuing in their positions even after they were indicted for irregularities in securities transactions enquiry report submitted sometime in August last year;

(b) whether it is in public interest to permit them to continue and if so, the names of persons and Banks; and

(c) what are the compelling reasons for not prosecuting such persons and when will they be prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) to (c) The enquiry report referred to in the question presumably pertains to the report submitted on 24-8-1994 by the Special Officer appointed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to fix the responsibility of the top management for irregularities in securities transactions in BOI Finance Ltd. (BOIFIN). The Special Officer had identified among others the then Chairman of BOIFIN and presently CMD of Union Bank of India for certain lapses in securities transactions in BOIFIN. After taking into account all relevant material, RBI has communicated 'displeasure' for his failure in overall managerial responsibility. The report of the Special Officer has also been referred to CBI.

**Enquiry Officers appointed by RBI**

968. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Enquiry Officers which the Reserve Bank has appointed in 1994 to enquire into the securities irregularities committed by Subsidiaries of Nationalised Banks, and what are the names of these respective institutions;

(b) what the the names of the top officers of the various Banks who have been found responsible by the various enquiry officess;

(c) what are the names of the officers against whom action has been taken and what are the names of those agianst whom no action has yet been taken; and

(d) by when action will be taken on them?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they had appointed Shri G.R. Bedge, IAS (Retd) in June, 1994 for looking into accountability of the top management for the irregularities in securities transactions in Bank of India Finance Ltd. the Special officer had identified the following officials in connection with the various irregularities;

(i) Shri R. Srinivasan, former CMD, Bank of India;

(ii) Shri A.T. Pannir Selvam, former Chairman, BOIFIN & presently CMD. Union Bank of India;

(iii) Shri D.D. Avari, former overseeing Director, BOIFIN;

(iv) Shri V.D. Saptharshi, the then Chief Executive BOIFIN;

(v) Shri A.V. Jog, the then, Chief Executive, BOIFIN

(vi) Shri S.P. Wagh, the then, Director, BOIFIN

(vii) Shri B.A. Vyas, Senior Executive, BOIFIN

(viii) Shri A.V. Meenakshi Sundaram, Senior Project manager BOIFIN

(ix) Shri C.M. Vaidya, Chief Manager, BOIFIN;

(x) Shri V.H. Ramakrishnan, the then Chief Executive of BOIFIN.

Action has been taken according to the circumstances of each case and the degree of responsibility established after considering the report of the Special Officer. Shri Saptharshi and Shri Jog have been dismissed from the service. Major Penalty proceedings have been initiated against Shri Vyas and Shri Meenakshi Sundaram. Letter of displeasure was communicated to Shri A.T. Pannir Selvam. Shri Vaidya was reprimanded. The bank is in correspondence with Central Vigilance Commission regarding Shri Ramakrishnan. No departmental action was possible against Shri Srinivasan, Shri Avari and Shri Wagh, who have retired from the service. A copy of the report of the Special Officer has also been sent to the CBI for their examination.

**Permission to MNCs**

969. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the multinationals are allowed to do their business in the country throught the new 100 percent subsidiary route instead of their established and listed subsidiaries;

(b) if so, what are the special features of this wholly owned subsidiaries;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the projects undertaken by such subsidiaries are not capital intensive and related to marketing their products; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction theret ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) to (d) An automatic approval mechanism for foreign investment upto 51% foreign equity in priority sectors has been installed. All other proposals including proposals for foreign equity investment upto 100% are considered and approved by Govt. The New Industrial Policy does not lay down any restrictions in terms of percentage of foreign equity holdings or sectors where 100% foreign investment are not to be permitted.

In the case of 100% owned foreign companies, approvals have fairly covered various sectors and maximum number are in services and electronics sectors including computer software etc.

**Panel Constituted to Expedite Decision on Projects**

970. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any panel has been constituted to expedite decision on projects in the infrastructure sector; and

(b) what are the projects pending, State-wise if any, and the details thereof;